HEY ---
I WANT TO DIE. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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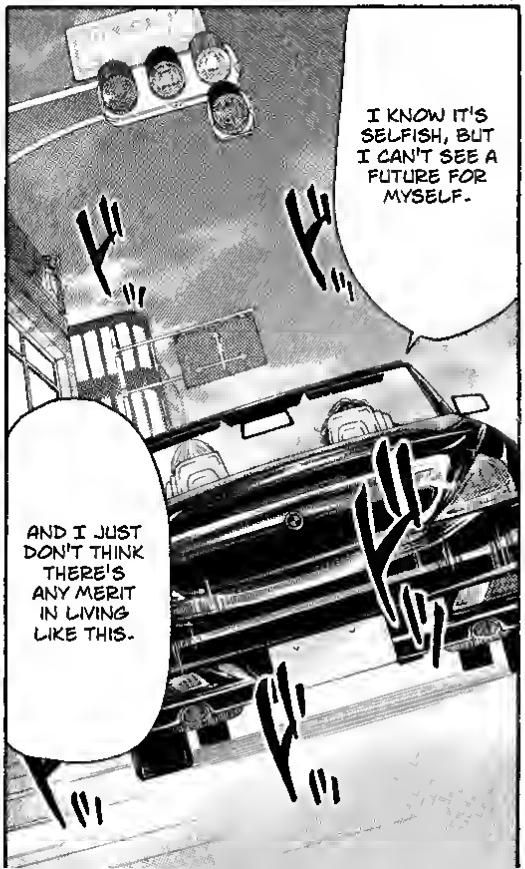
WHY NOT DO IT, THEN? THE ONLY OPTIONS I HAVE ARE SUICIDE---
---OR TURNING MYSELF IN.


I KNOW IT'S SELFISH, BUT I CAN'T SEE A FUTURE FOR MYSELF.
AND I JUST DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY MERIT IN LIVING LIKE THIS.

I DON'T LIKE IT. YOUR CORPSE'LL GET ALL BLOATED,

YOUR SKIN'LL PEEL OFF, AND THE WORMS WILL EAT YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO DO SOMETHING FLASHY...!

HOW ABOUT IF I JUST QUIETLY DROWN MYSELF SOMEWHERE?

SHALL I BUY SOME GASOLINE?

WE COULD LIGHT THAT ON FIRE AND IT WOULD EXPLODE.

YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT.

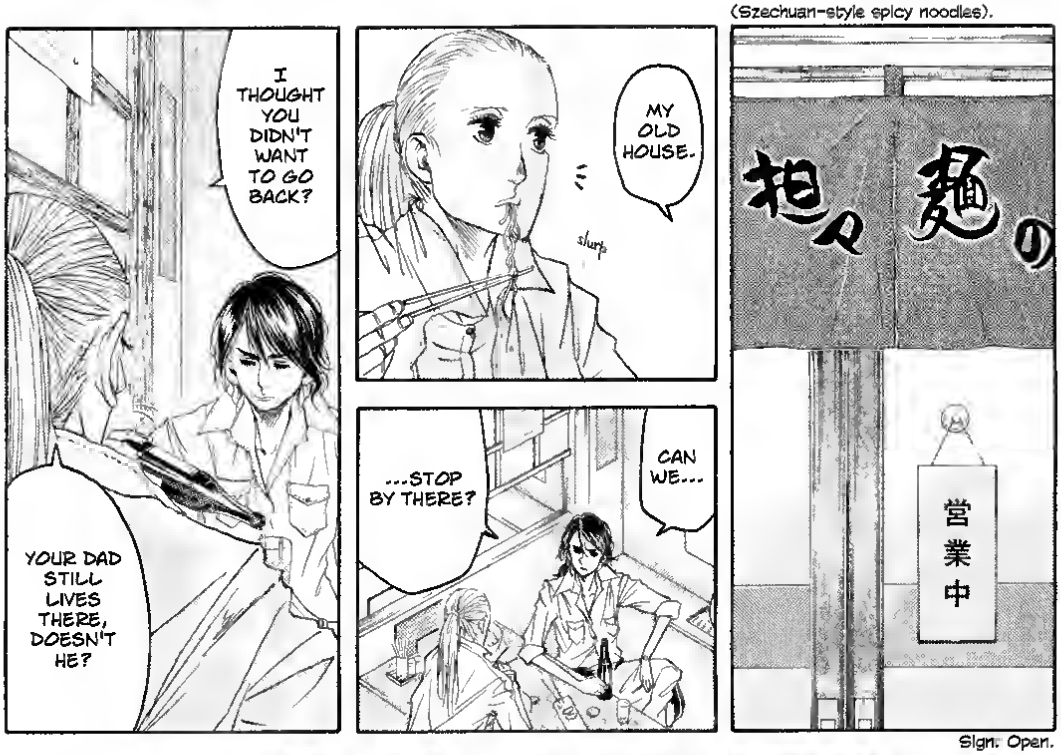
DOUSE MYSELF IN KEROSENE AND BLOW MYSELF UP?

KEROSENE DOESN'T *EXPLODE*.

WELL, I AM A MURDERER.

Gunjo #4

HMM.
NO WAY, THAT'S DANGEROUS! IT MIGHT EVAPORATE ON THE WAY AND BUILD UP STATIC ELECTRICITY AND CATCH ON FIRE.
YOU NEED A SPECIAL CONTAINER FOR GAS.
YOU REALLY BOUGHT IT...
SUNEOS
CAN'T YOU JUST USE A REGULAR PLASTIC CANISTER?
I THOUGHT I'D USE GAS AT FIRST.
JUST BURN YOUR WHOLE HOUSE DOWN.
WHY'D YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?
FOR THE NEIGH-BORS?
OR BECAUSE YOU MIGHT DIE, TOO?
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE SAD...
...TO NOT HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO HOME TO.



Banner: Tantanmen (Szechuan-style spicy noodles).

Sign: Open.

BEER!
ONE MORE BEER!
HEY! COME ON, YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH.

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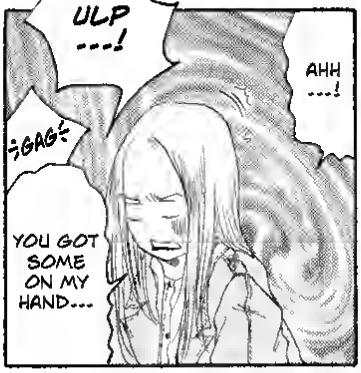
÷S-I-G-H÷
HUFF...
HUFF...


ULP---!
AHH---!
÷GAG÷
YOU GOT SOME ON MY HAND...

UGH---!
...?
YOU DRANK TOO MUCH...
÷BLEHHH÷
UGH...!

IT HASN'T CHANGED A BIT...
HELLO ...?
!

DOES YOUR FAMILY NOT INTERN THE ASHES?
UH... WHA ...?

HUH ...?!

OH NO.

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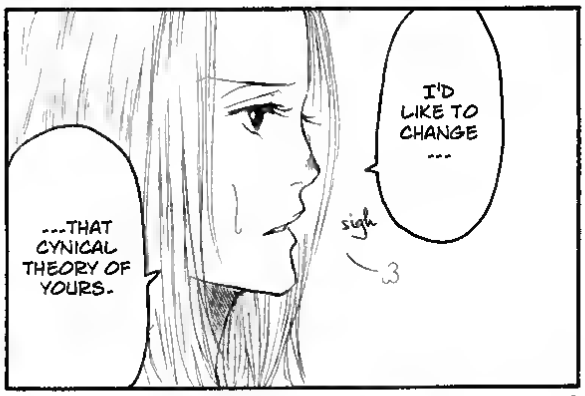
MY FATHER'S PATHETIC. IN LIFE, EVERYONE FEARED HIM, BUT IN DEATH, HE'S A FOOL.
THAT DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD, THOUGH. I'D RATHER BE *FEARED* AND ALONE THAN CONSTANTLY *ABUSED*.

...
I THOUGHT IT HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN CARE OF...

LUCK, GOOD OR BAD, HAS NOTHING TO DO---
---WITH WHAT YOU DO IN LIFE.
DON'T USE THAT FOR AN ASHTRAY, YOU'LL HAVE BAD LUCK!
NAH.
AH!

IT'S NOT A THEORY.
IT'S A CONCLU-SION.


I'D LIKE TO CHANGE ---
sigh
---THAT CYNICAL THEORY OF YOURS.

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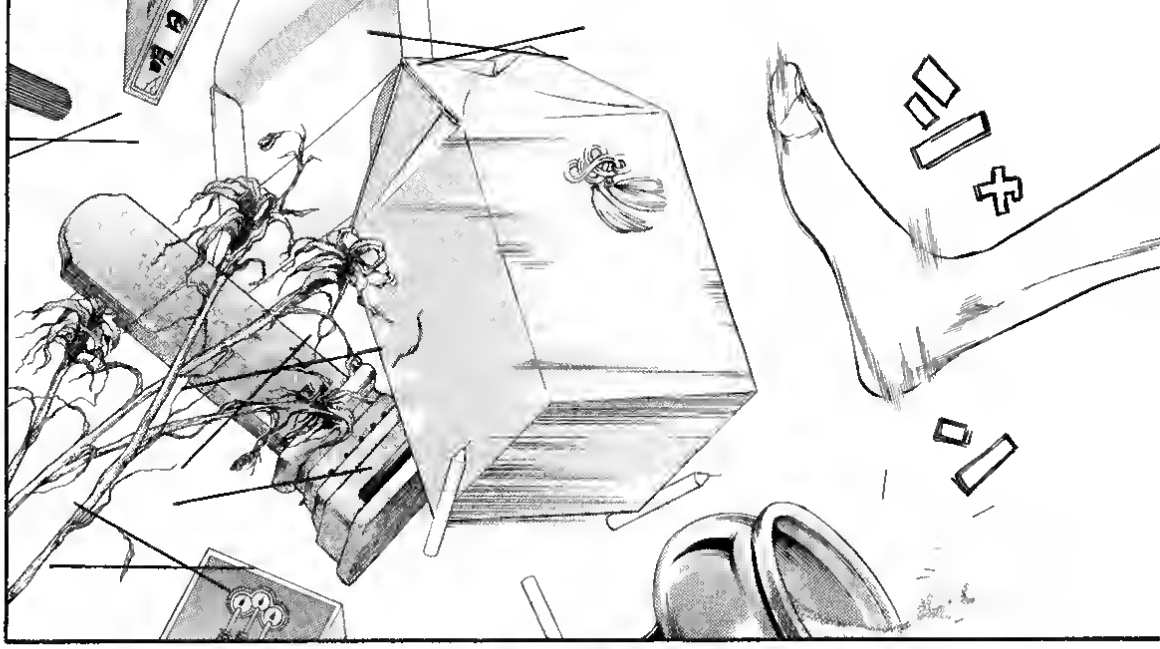
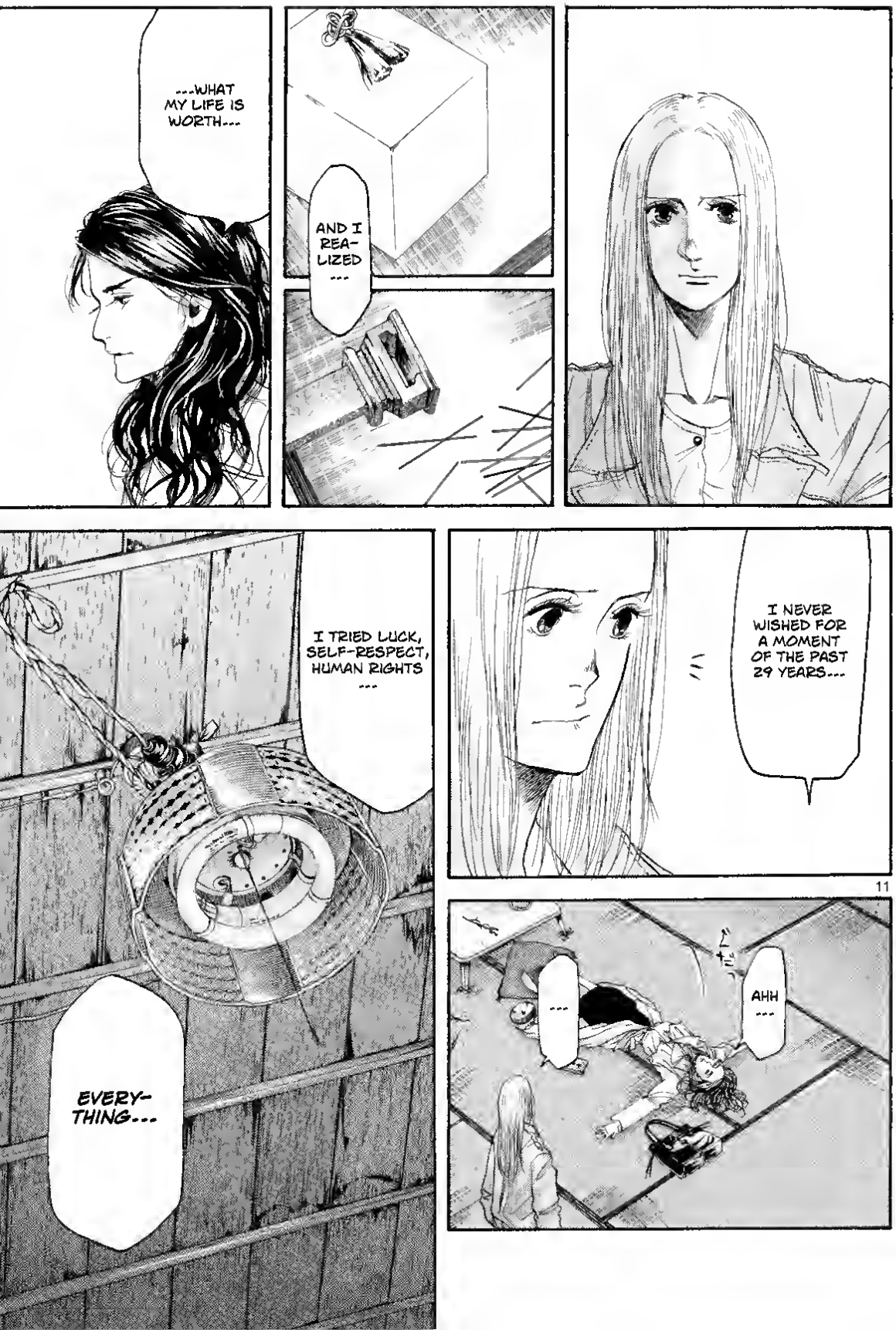
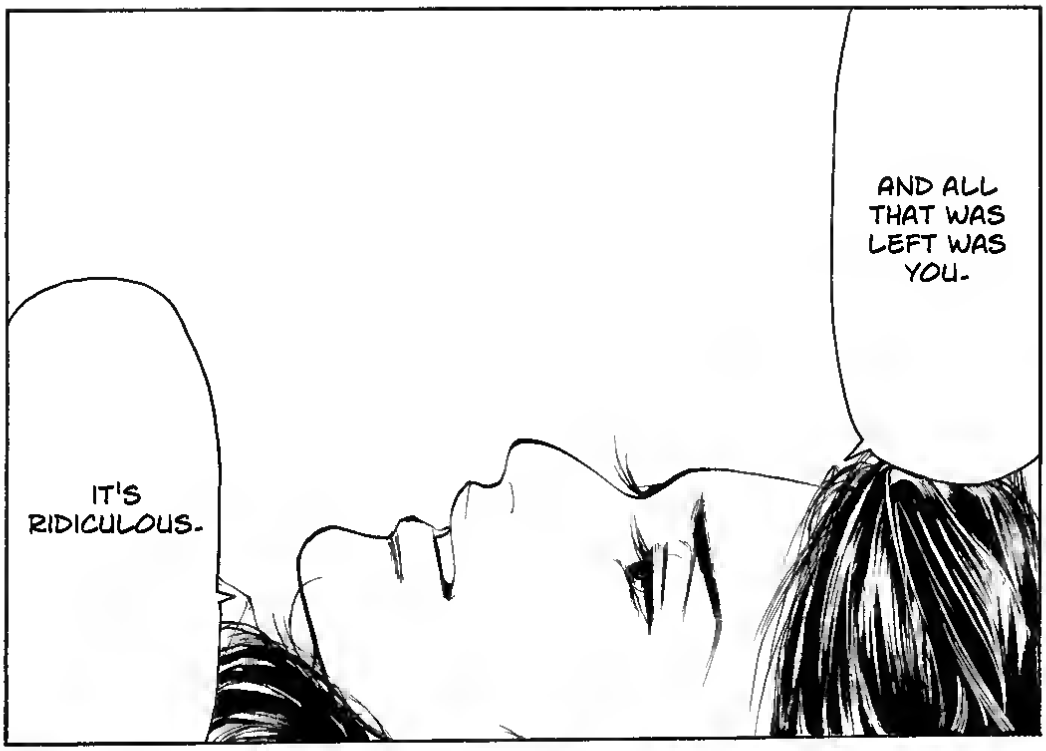
YOU CAN'T.



BOTH MY HUSBAND AND MY FATHER ...
---BEAT ME JUST FOR EXISTING.


---WHAT MY LIFE IS WORTH---
AND I REA-LIZED ---
I NEVER WISHED FOR A MOMENT OF THE PAST 29 YEARS---
I TRIED LUCK, SELF-RESPECT, HUMAN RIGHTS ---
EVERY-THING---

AHH ---


AND ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS YOU.
IT'S RIDICULOUS.

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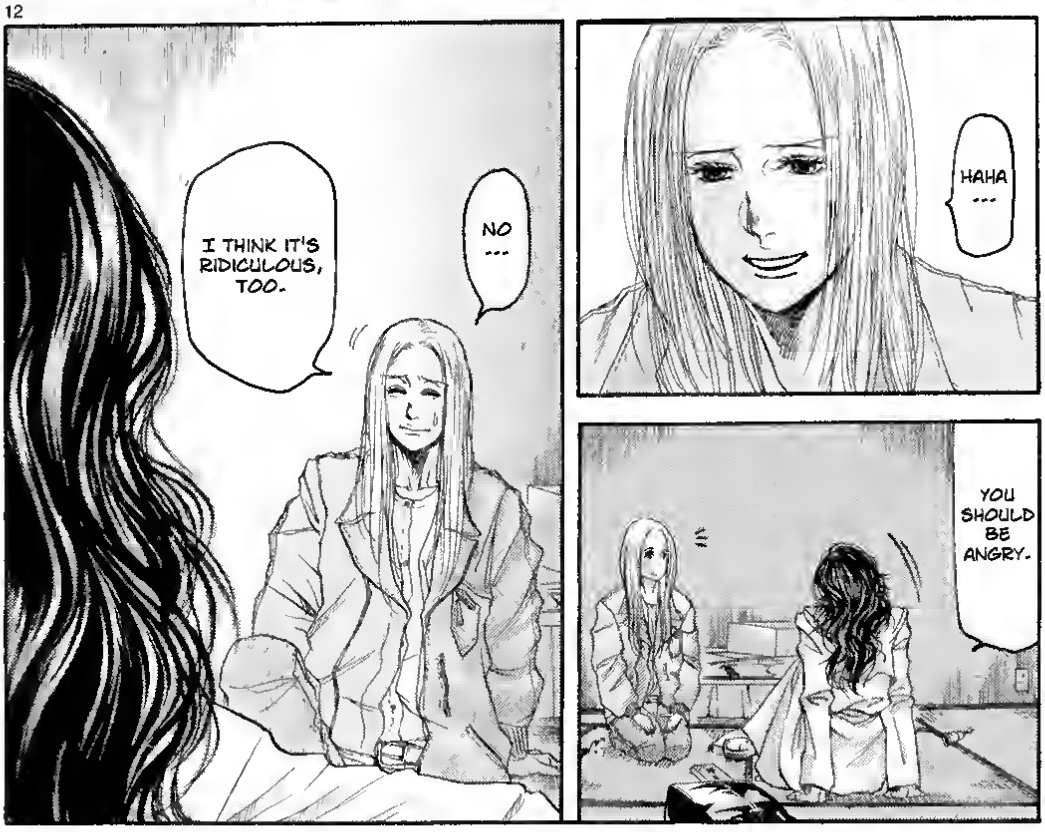
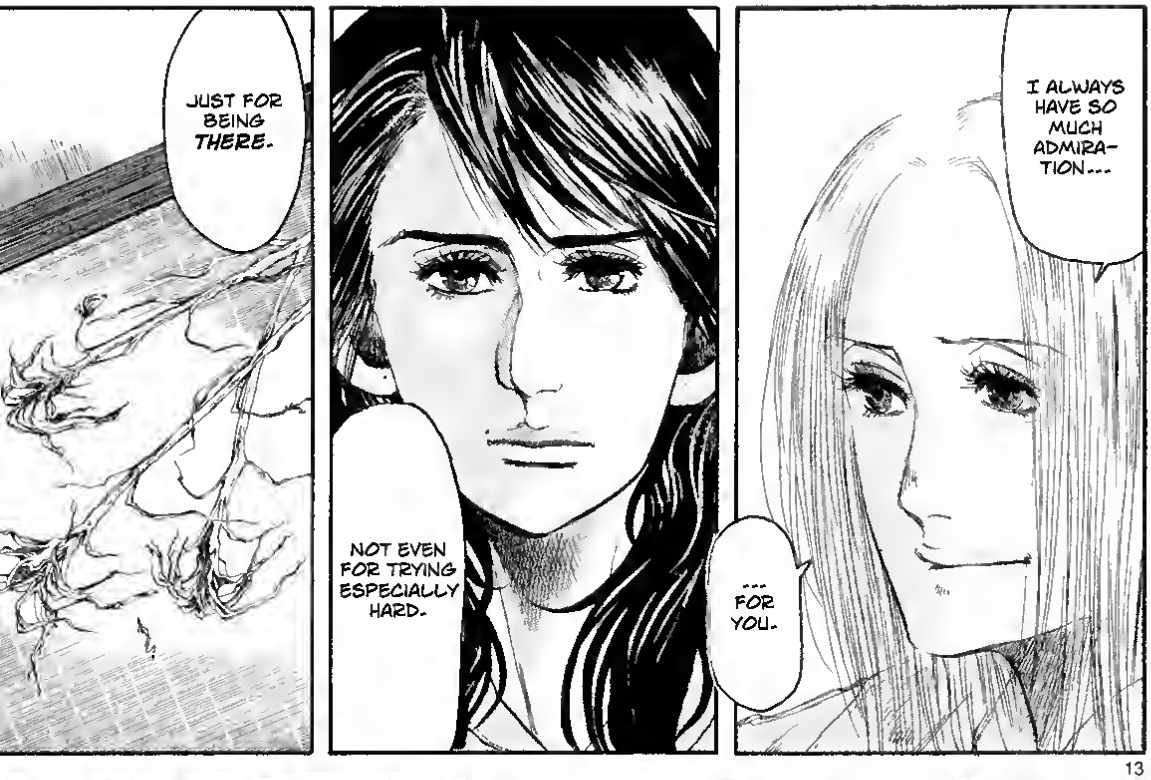
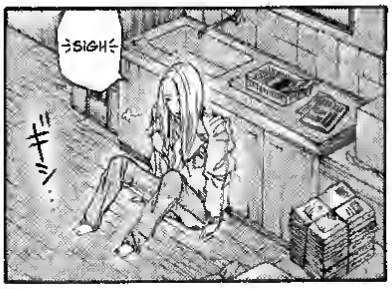
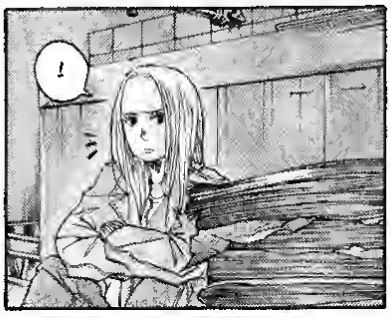

I THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS, TOO.
NO ...
HAHA ...
YOU SHOULD BE ANGRY.


I ALWAYS HAVE SO MUCH ADMIRA-TION---
... FOR YOU.
NOT EVEN FOR TRYING ESPECIALLY HARD.
JUST FOR BEING THERE.

BEING WITH YOU WEARS ME OUT---
IT MUST BE NICE TO BE SO PRIVI-LEGED,
AND BE ABLE TO FORGIVE ANYONE.
I'M GOING TO HAVE A SMOKE IN THE CAR.
THERE'S NO ASHTRAY IN HERE.





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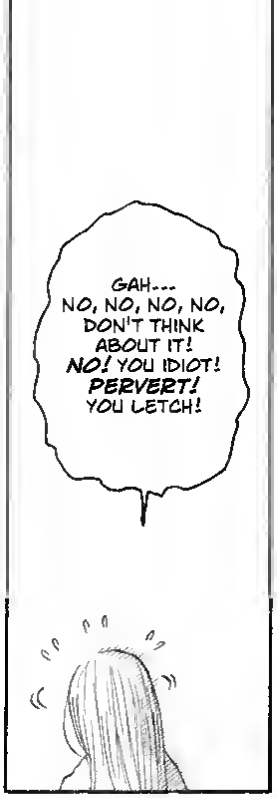

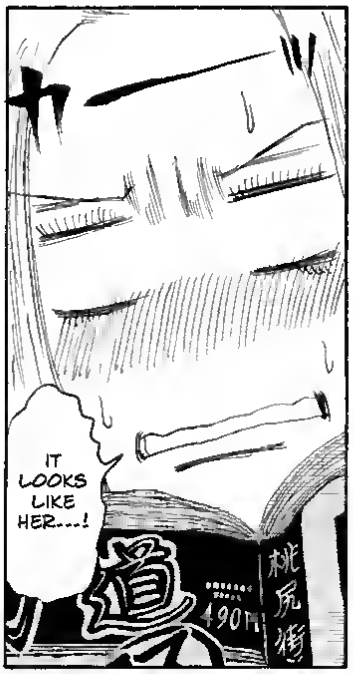

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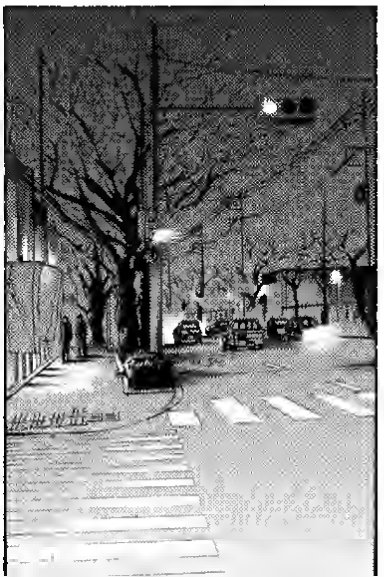
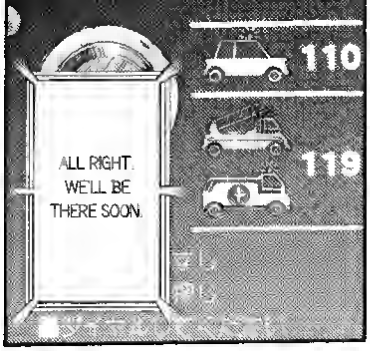


HEH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ALL RIGHT. WE'LL BE THERE SOON.

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NUMBER 211, BY THE RIVER...
YEAH.
YES... TWO... OF US.

I'M BACK.

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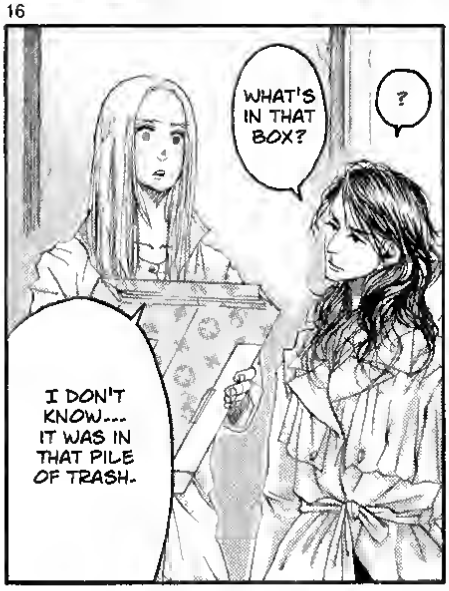
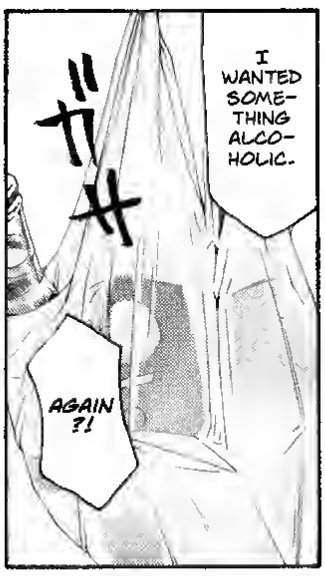

WHAT'S IN THAT BOX?
?
I DON'T KNOW... IT WAS IN THAT PILE OF TRASH.


I WANTED SOME-THING ALCO-HOLIC.
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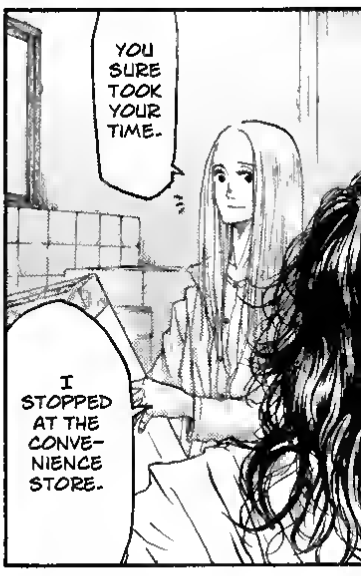
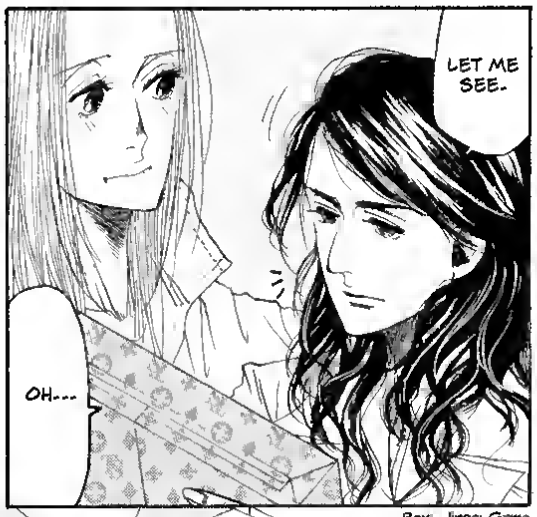
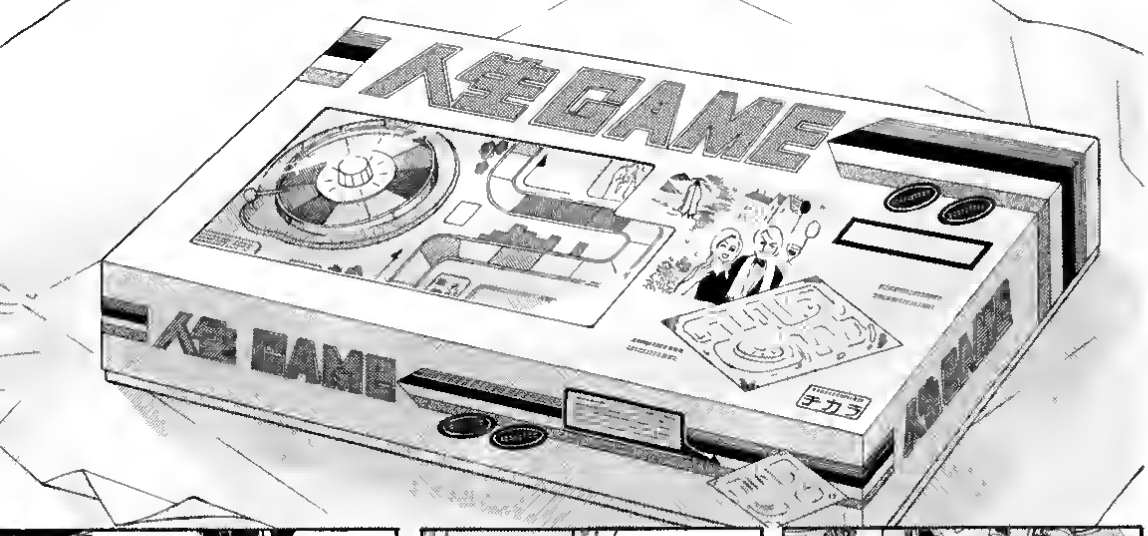
AGAIN ?!

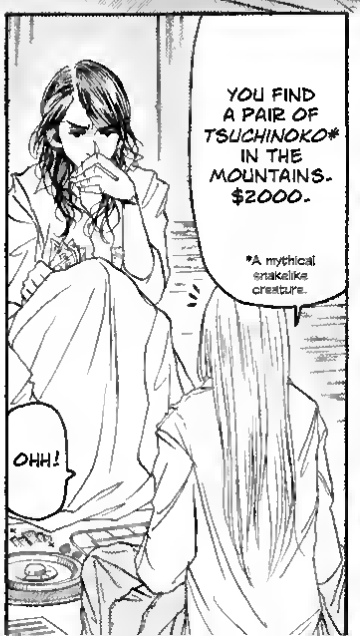

YOU SURE TOOK YOUR TIME.
I STOPPED AT THE CONVE-NIENCE STORE.

Text (right): Happy New Year.
Text (left): Second Prize.



Box: Jinsei Game
(The Game of Life)

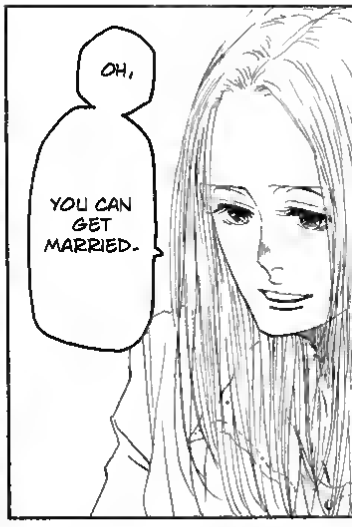




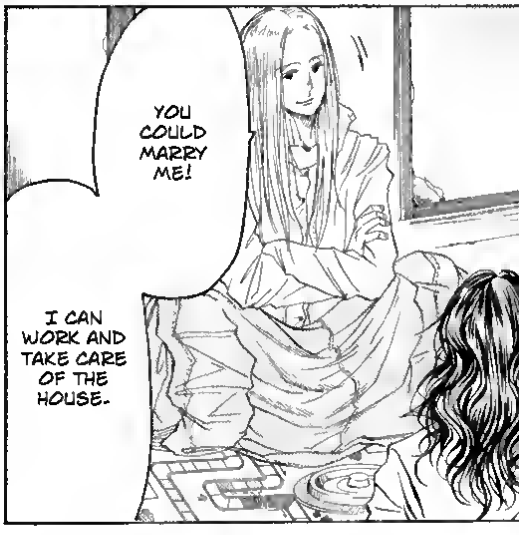
Board:
You suffered a setback in your life. Lose a turn.

LOST OF CONFIDENCE
ANTAGONISM
LEARNING ABILI
COMFORT
SPOUSAL ABUSE
DEPRE
SLO
INFORMED
UM...
CAN I... REFUSE ...?

UH ...
結婚!

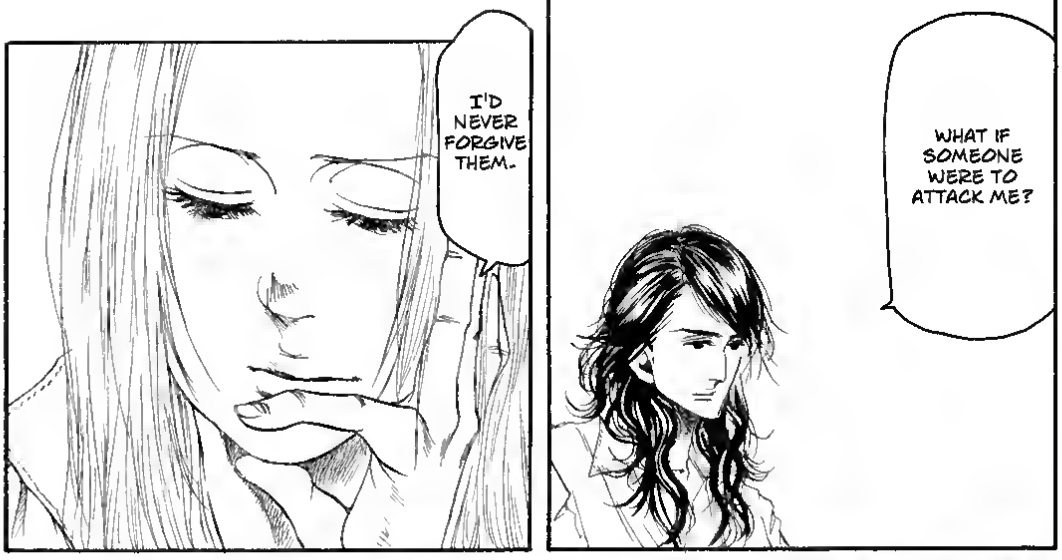

OH,
YOU CAN GET MARRIED.

You do whatever I say, too
OH, YEAH. AND YOU'RE NOT VIOLENT...
IF YOU WERE A GUY, YOU'D BE PERFECT.


YOU COULD MARRY ME!
I CAN WORK AND TAKE CARE OF THE HOUSE.

HOW ABOUT IT? I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY...
...AND I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE GRAVE.
結婚!

WHAT ABOUT A WEDDING RING?
I COULD GET YOU ONE TODAY!
I KNOW A CARTIER RING THAT WOULD BE PERFECT FOR YOU.


I'D NEVER FORGIVE THEM.
WHAT IF SOMEONE WERE TO ATTACK ME?

OH!

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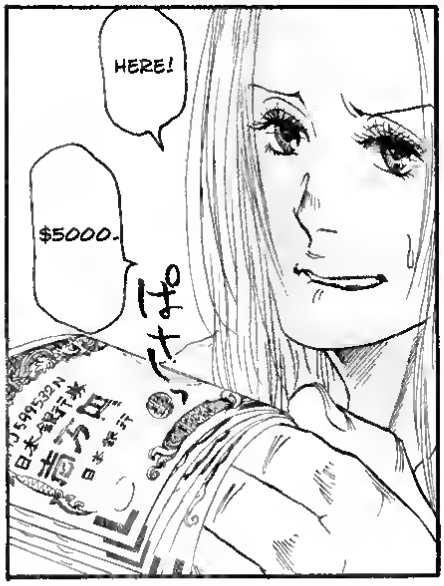
HERE!
$5000.
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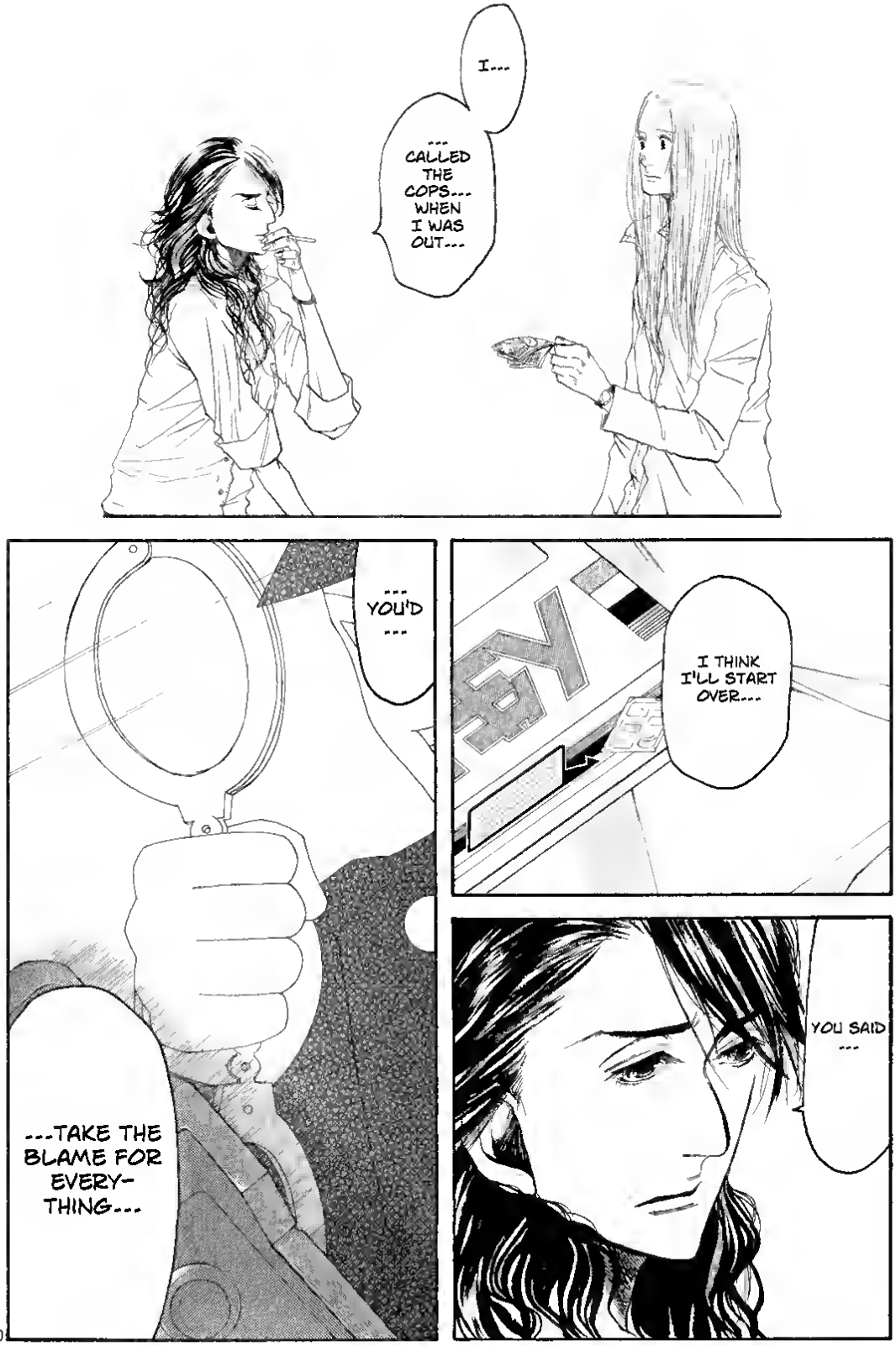
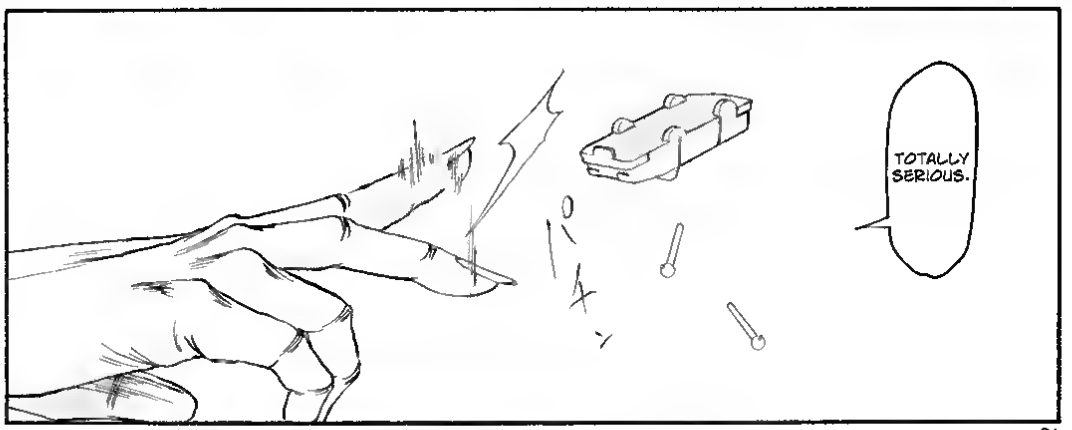
日本銀行券
日本銀行

You are arrested for speeding. Pay a $5000 fine.
DANG ---
MY LUCK'S FINALLY ABANDONED ME---
I'VE NEVER HAD TO PAY A FINE IN MY LIFE---


I...
...CALLED THE COPS... WHEN I WAS OUT...
...YOU'D...
---TAKE THE BLAME FOR EVERY-THING...
I THINK I'LL START OVER...
YOU SAID...

ARE YOU ...
SERIOUS ...?

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S A GOOD THING YOU STAYED WITH ME.


TOTALLY SERIOUS.
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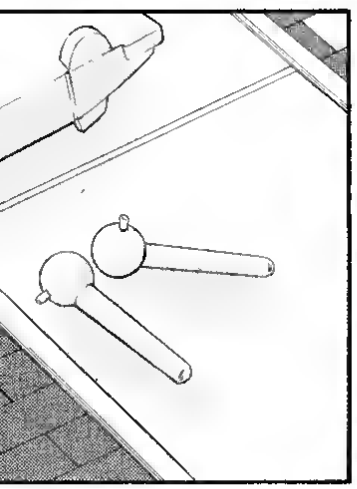

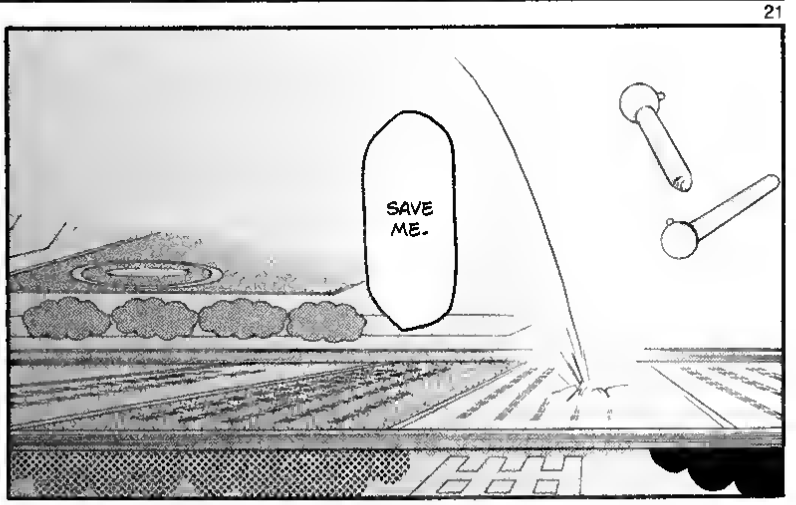
SAVE ME.

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HOUSEWIFE
Every day I bury but cheerful as you cook, clean and shop for your happy family.
VETERINARIAN
ASTRONAUT

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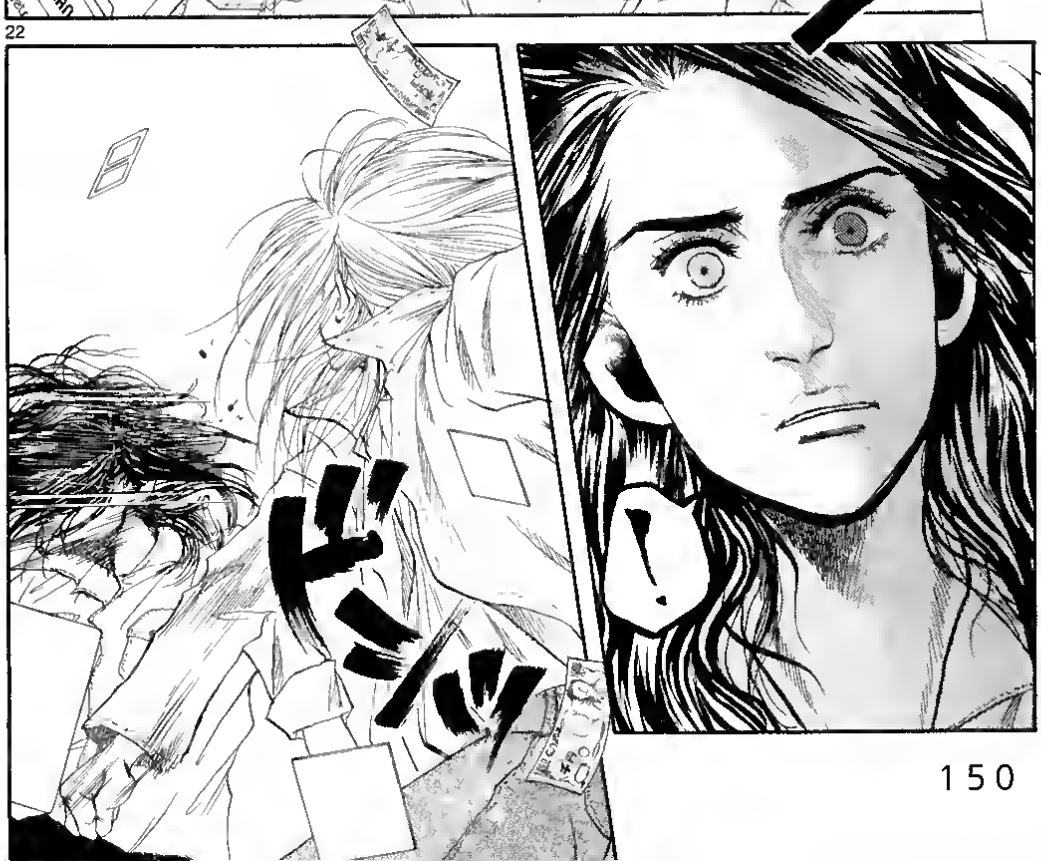
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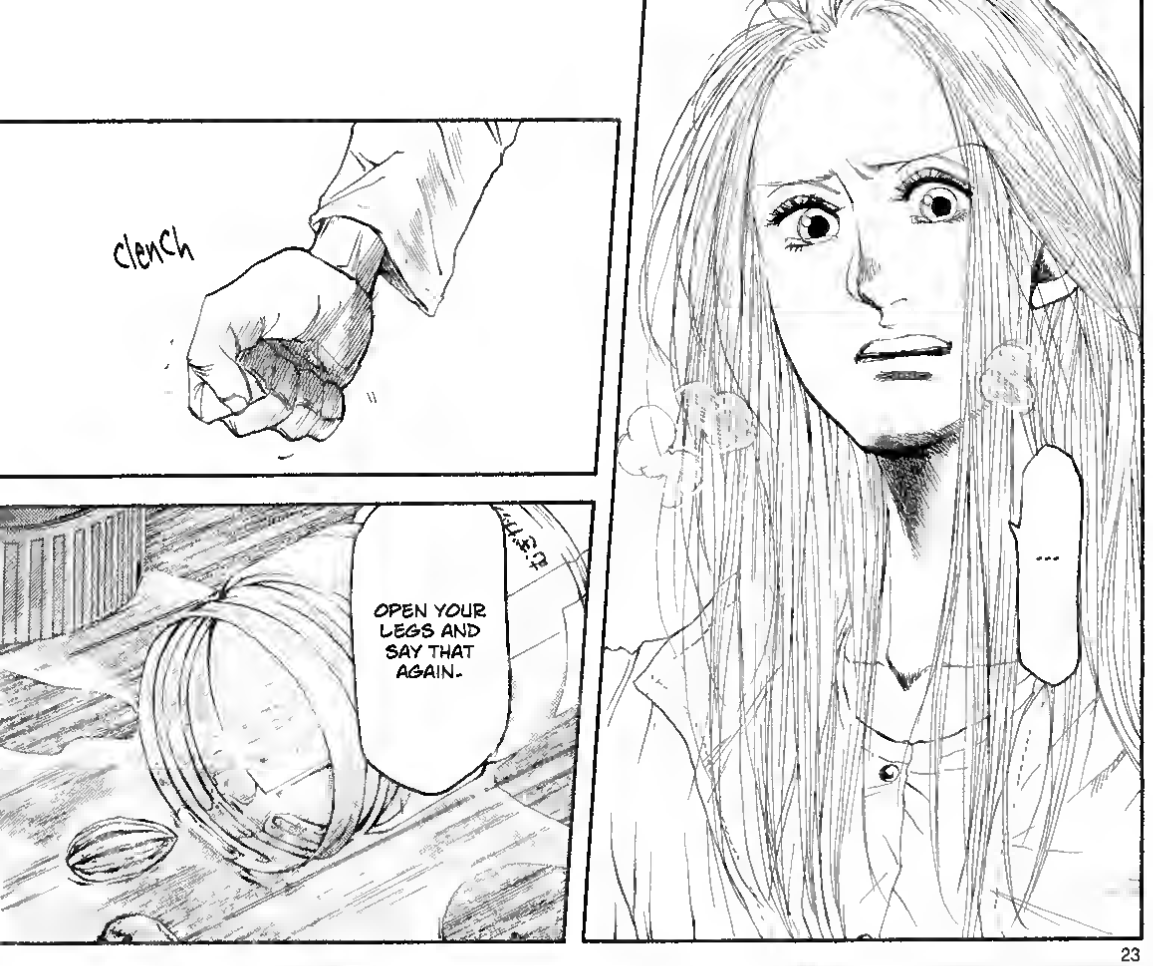

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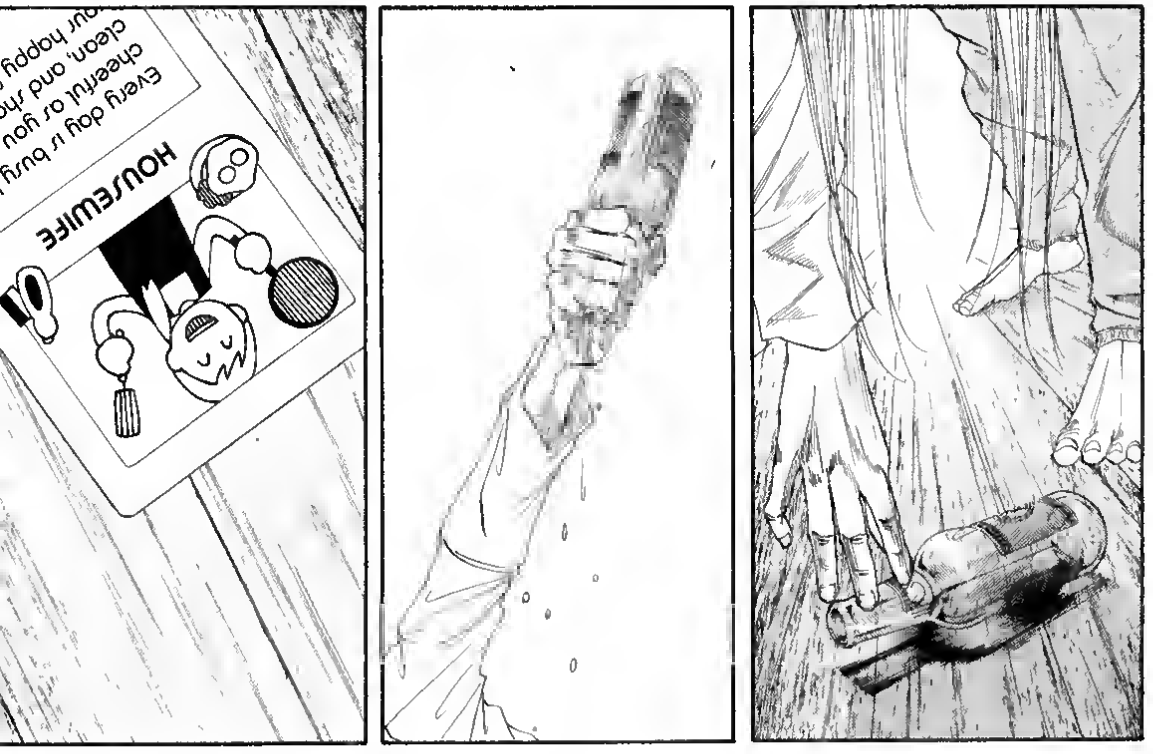

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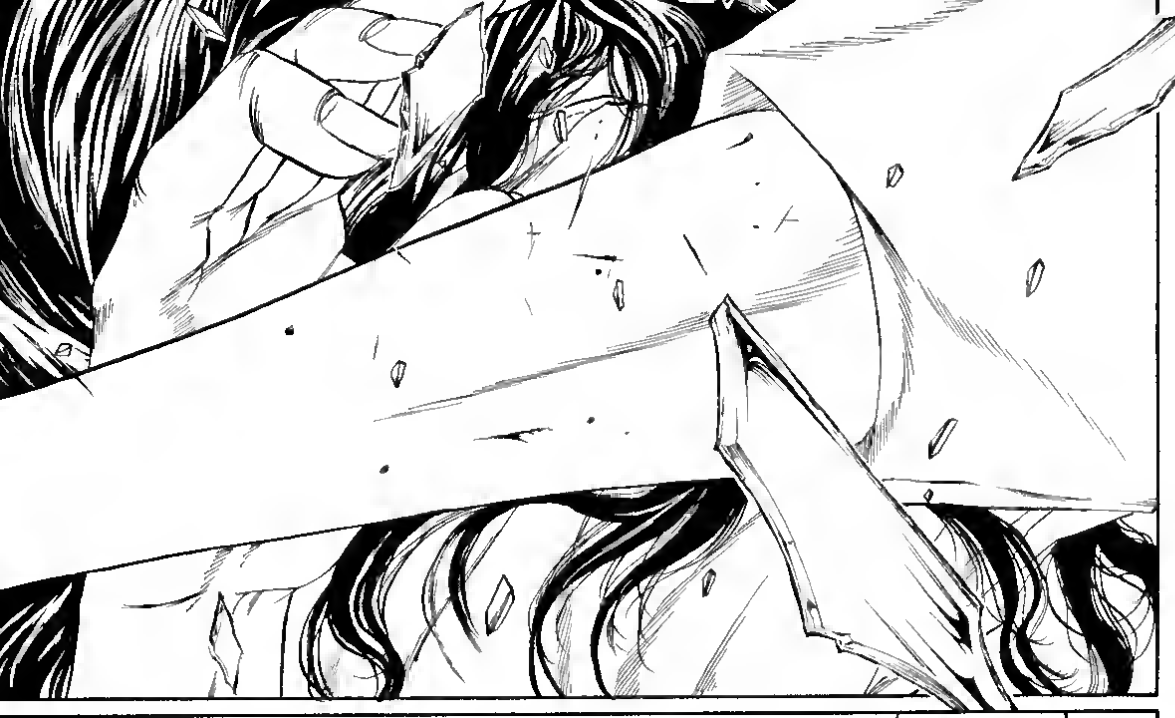
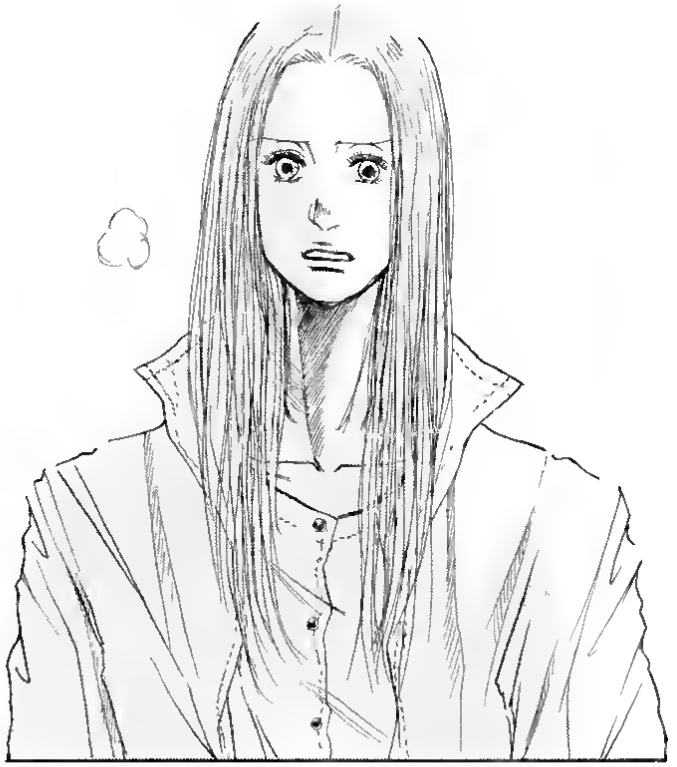
AIEE!





I WOULD *FUCK* YOU IF I HAD *TIME*.

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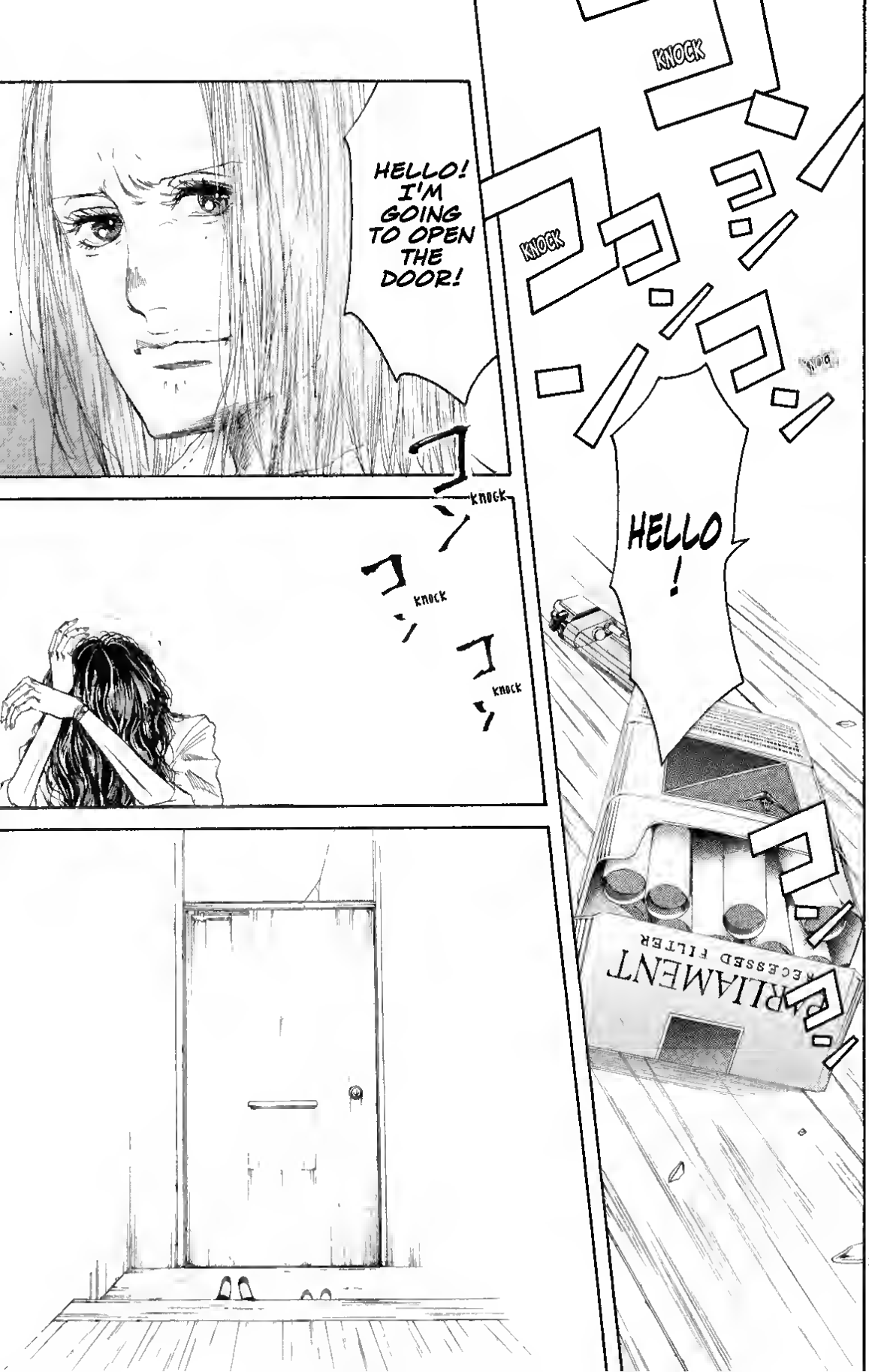
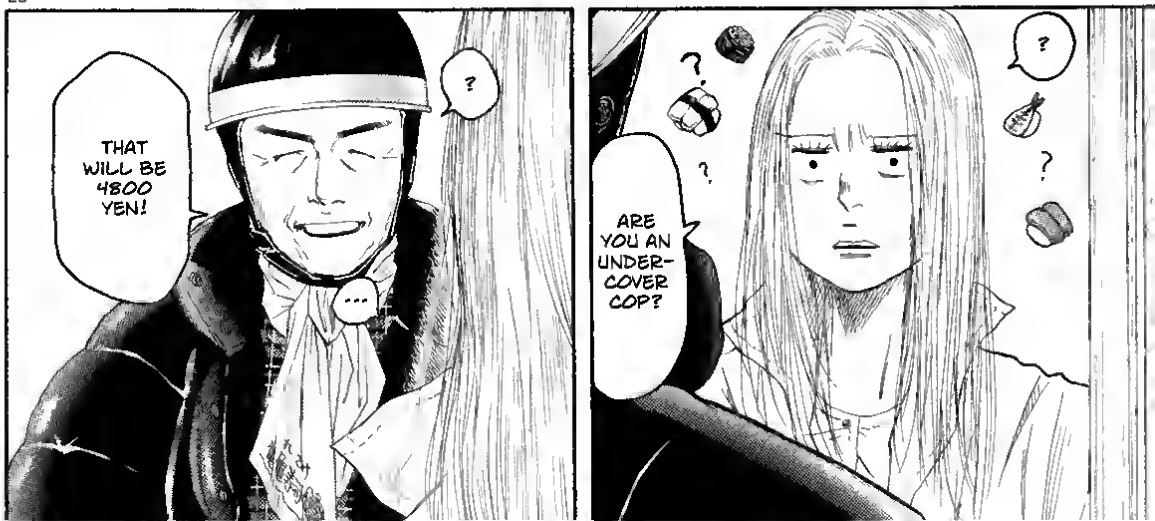

KNOCK
KNOCK
HELLO! I'M GOING TO OPEN THE DOOR!
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
HELLO!
PARLIAMENT
RECESSED FILTER

チャッ…
KAMEGAME SUSHI!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!


THAT WILL BE 4800 YEN!
…
?
ARE YOU AN UNDER-COVER COP?
?
?
?

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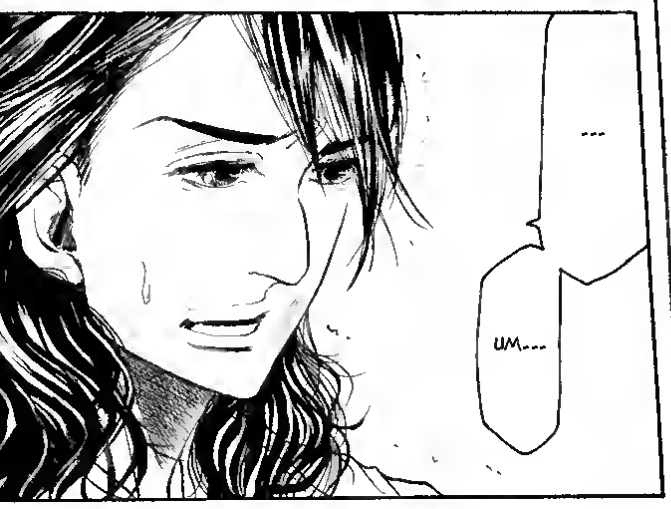
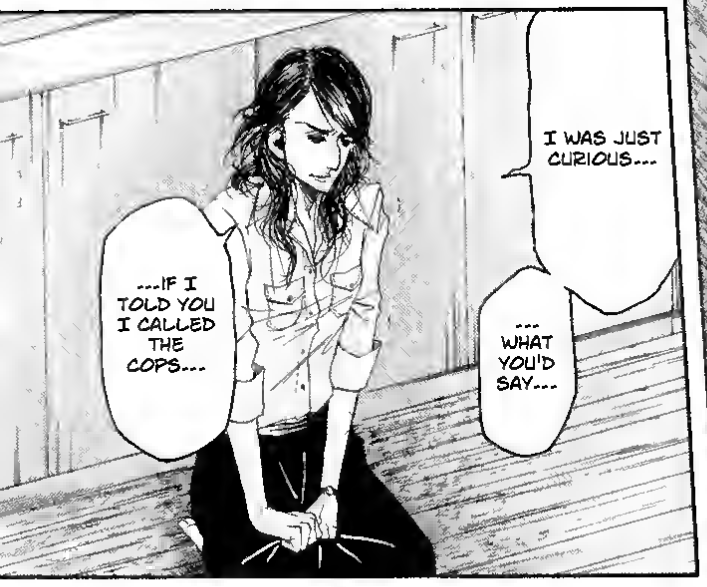
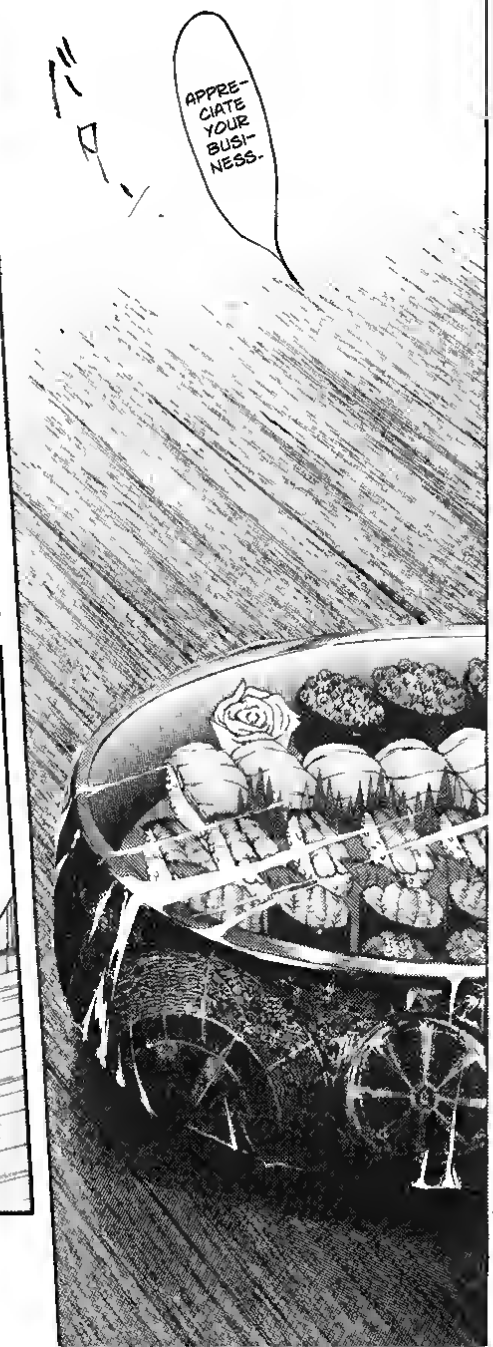
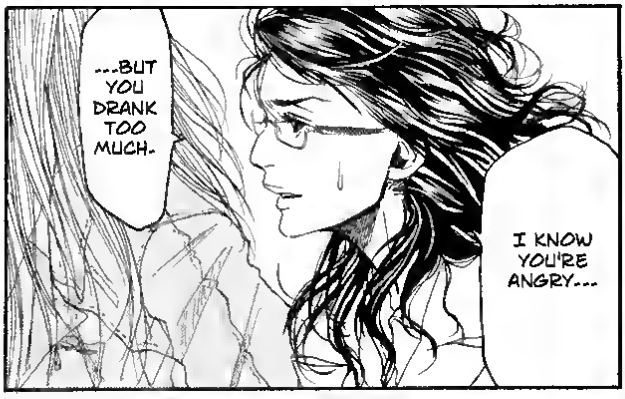

...
UM...


I WAS JUST CURIOUS...
...WHAT YOU'D SAY...
...IF I TOLD YOU I CALLED THE COPS...


APPRE-CIATE YOUR BUSI-NESS.


---BUT YOU DRANK TOO MUCH.
I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY---

YOU CAN BARELY WALK---

HEY.
wobble
wobble
WAIT A MINUTE.
wobble

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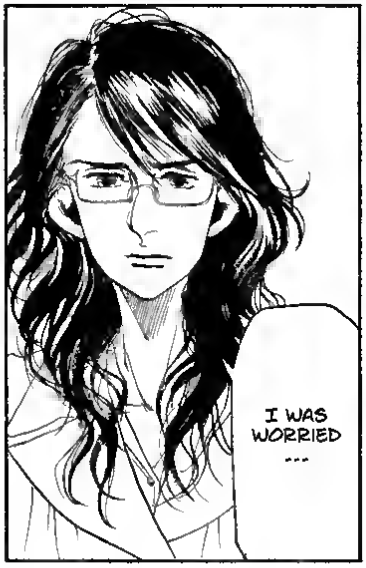
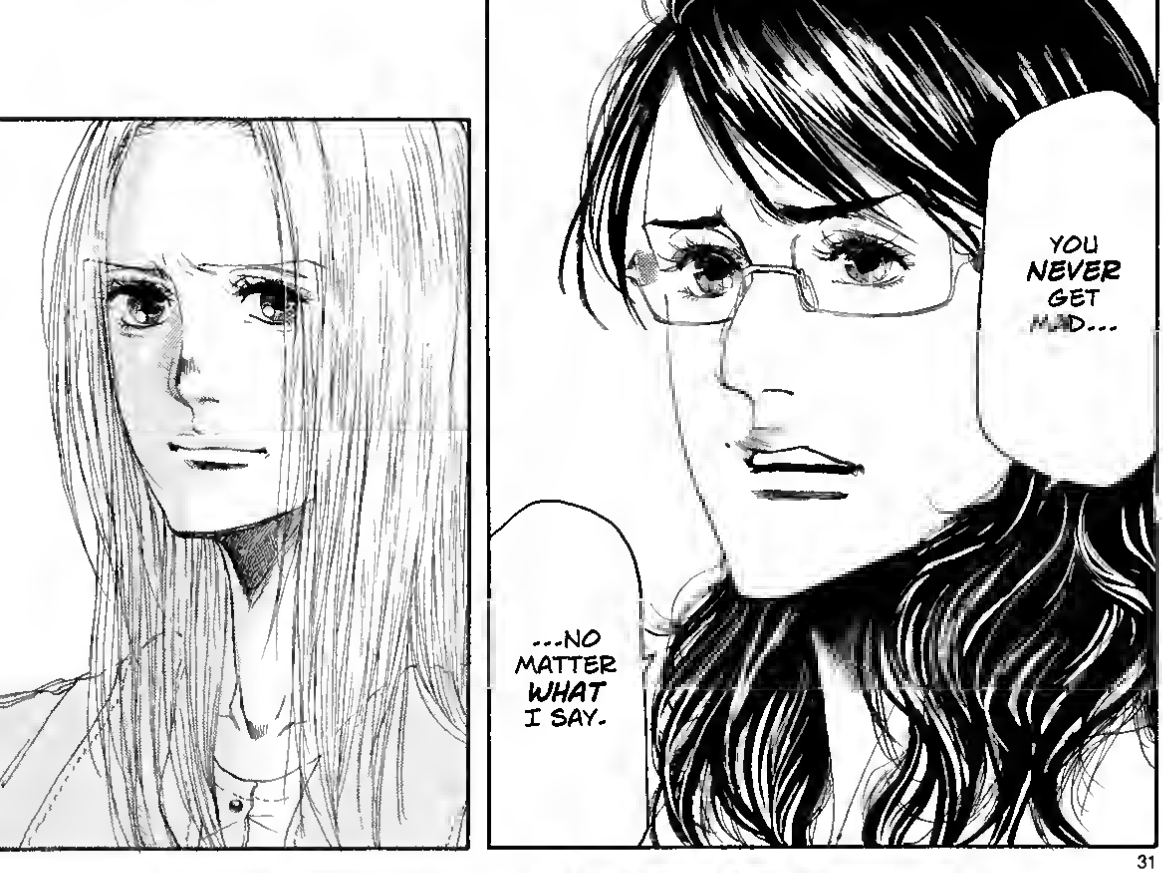

I WAS WORRIED ---

LIS-TEN.



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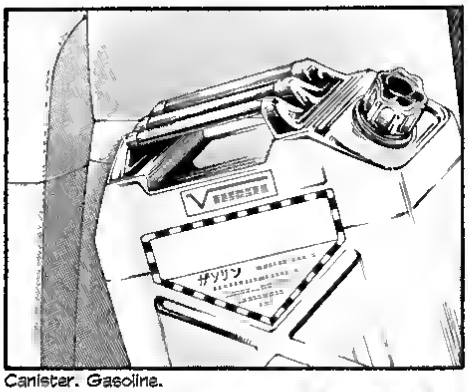

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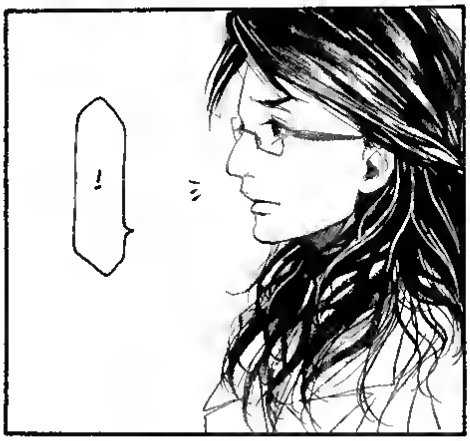

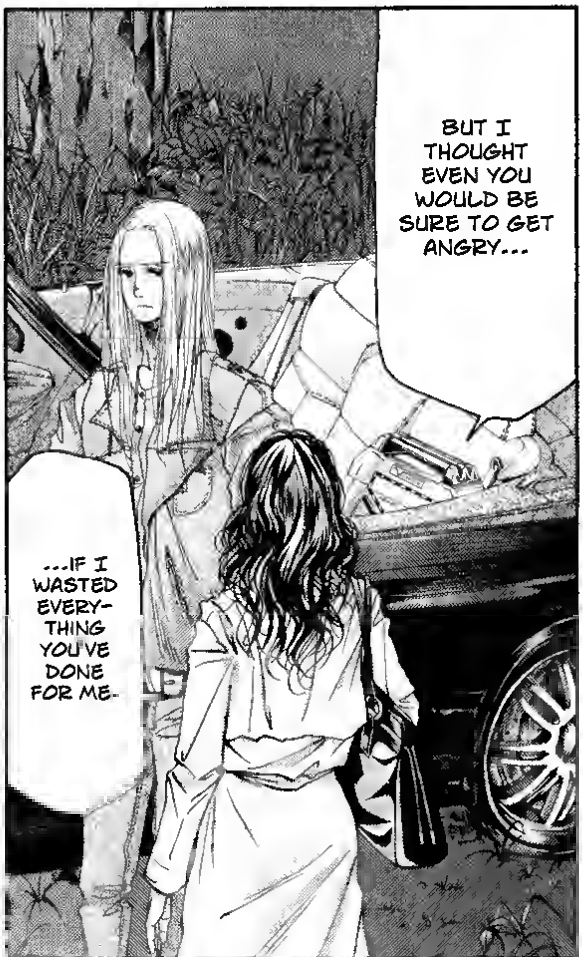

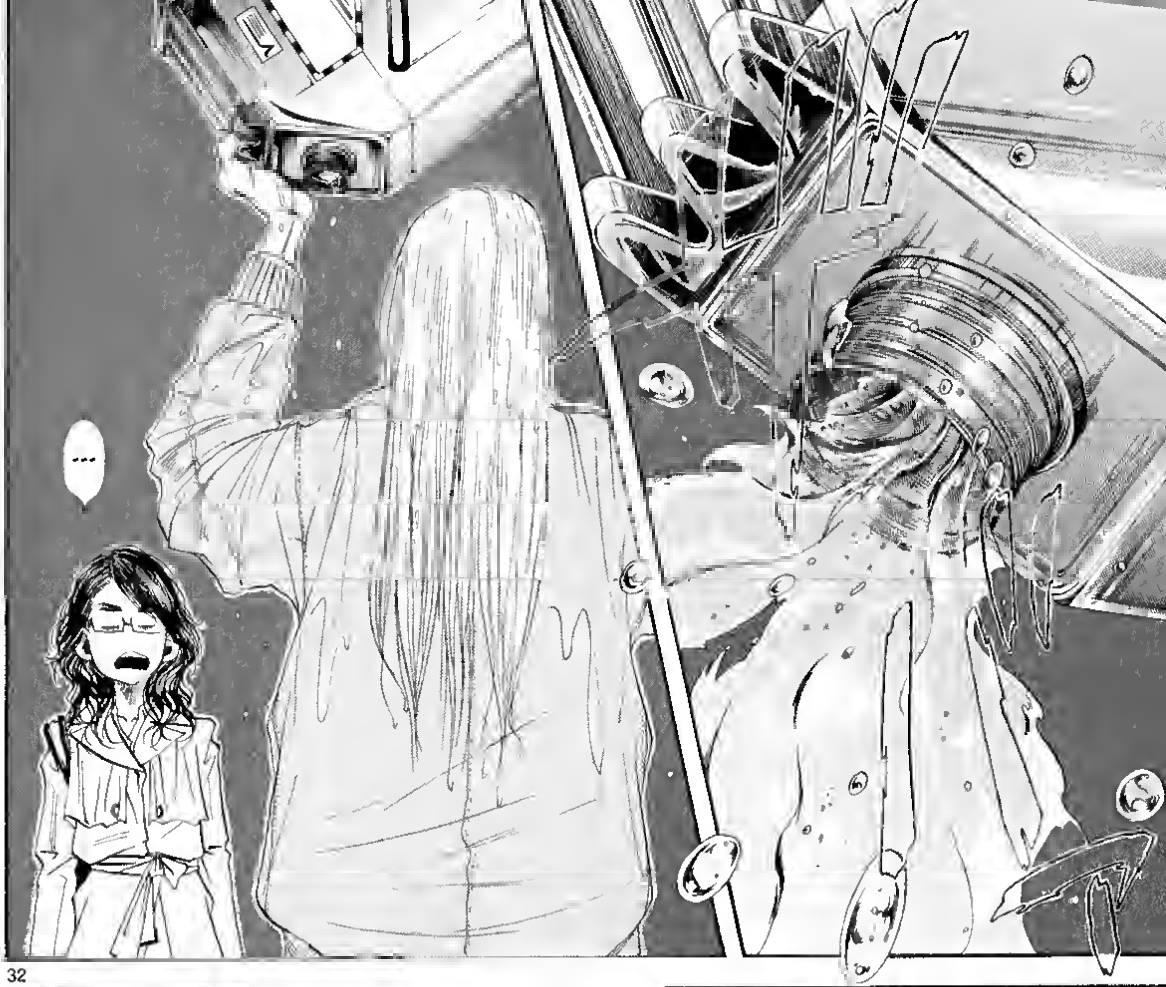

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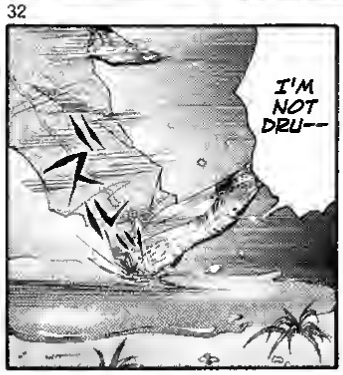

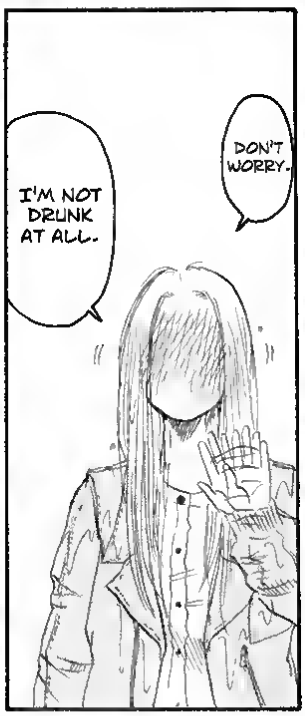

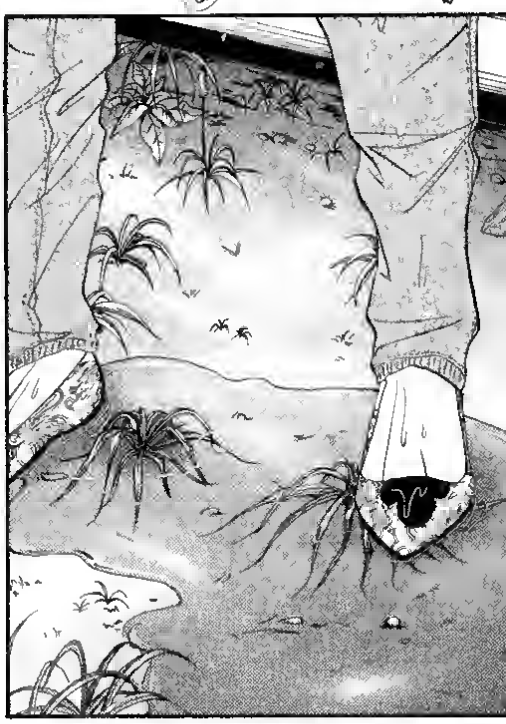

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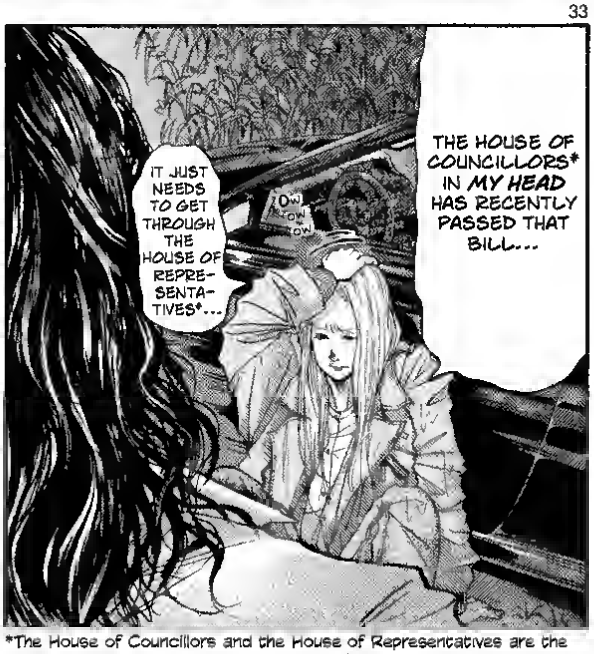

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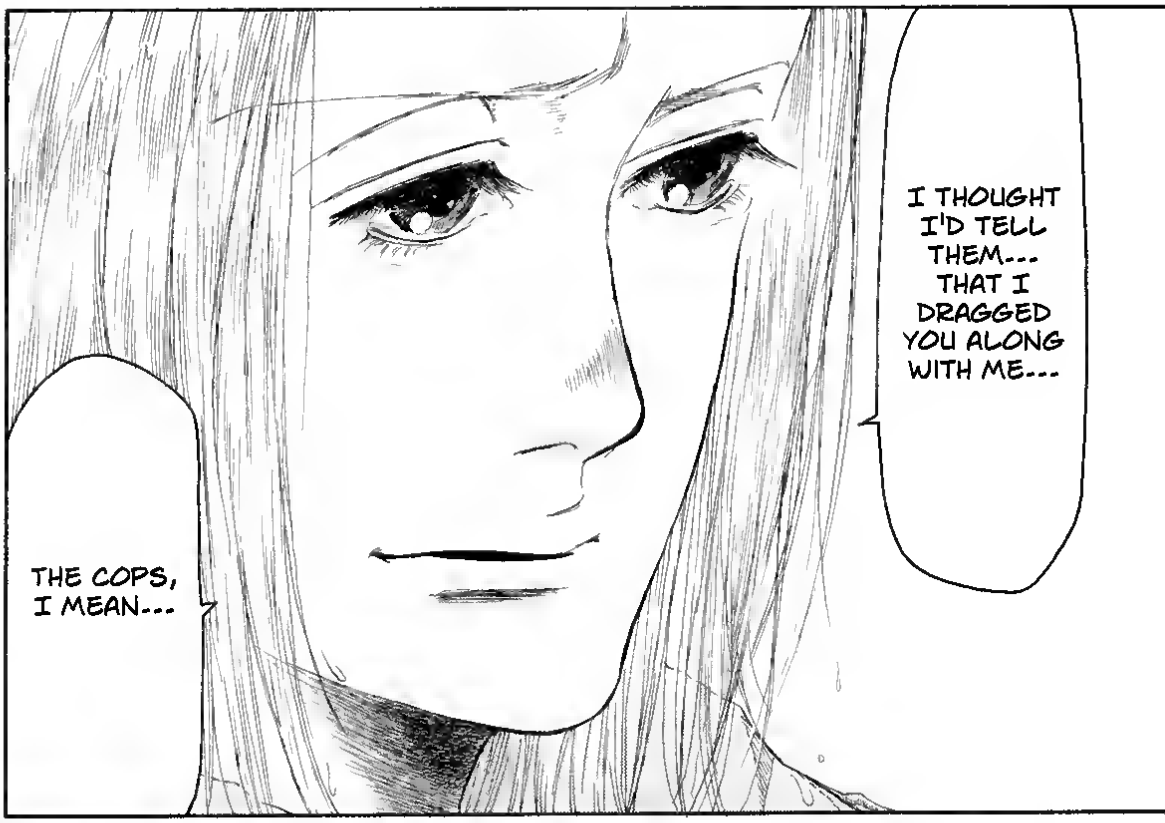
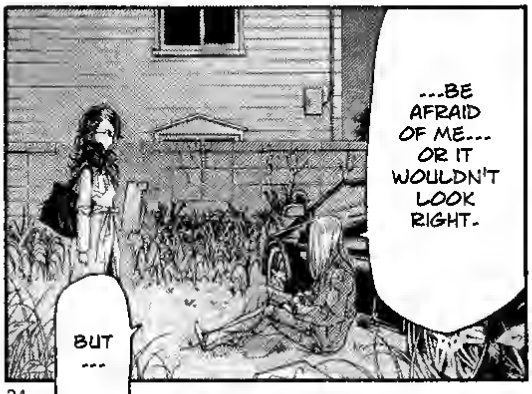

I THOUGHT I'D TELL THEM... THAT I DRAGGED YOU ALONG WITH ME...
THE COPS, I MEAN...


...BE AFRAID OF ME... OR IT WOULDN'T LOOK RIGHT.
BUT...

WE COULDN'T JUST BE SITTING THERE... DRINKING TOGETHER...
ONI GOROS
YOU HAD TO...

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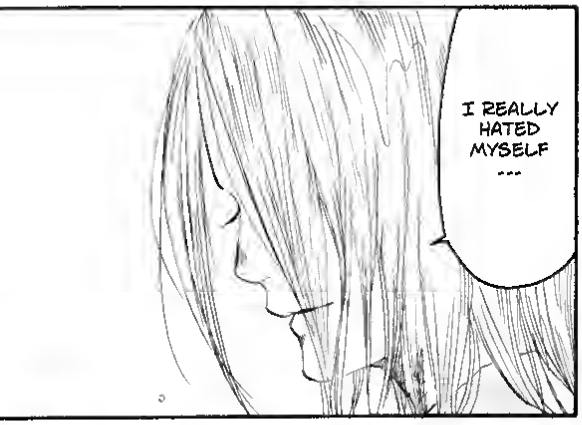
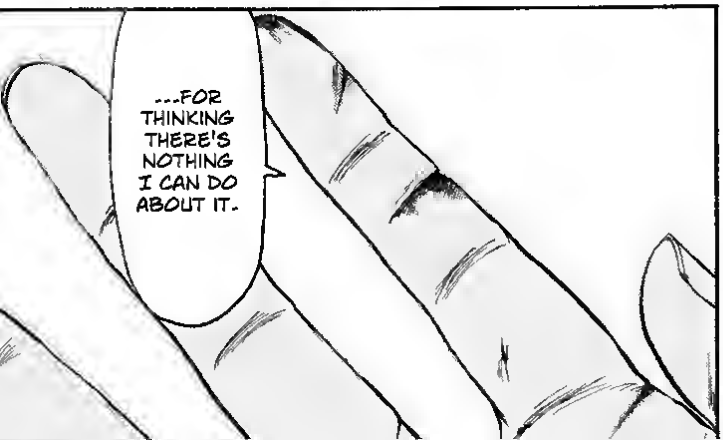
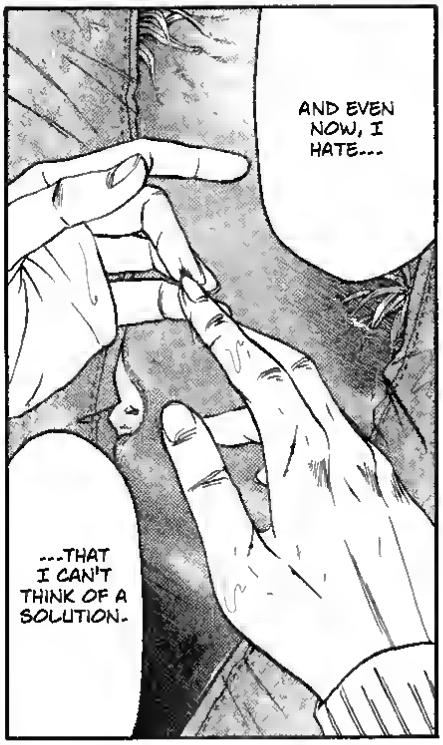

I REALLY HATED MYSELF ---

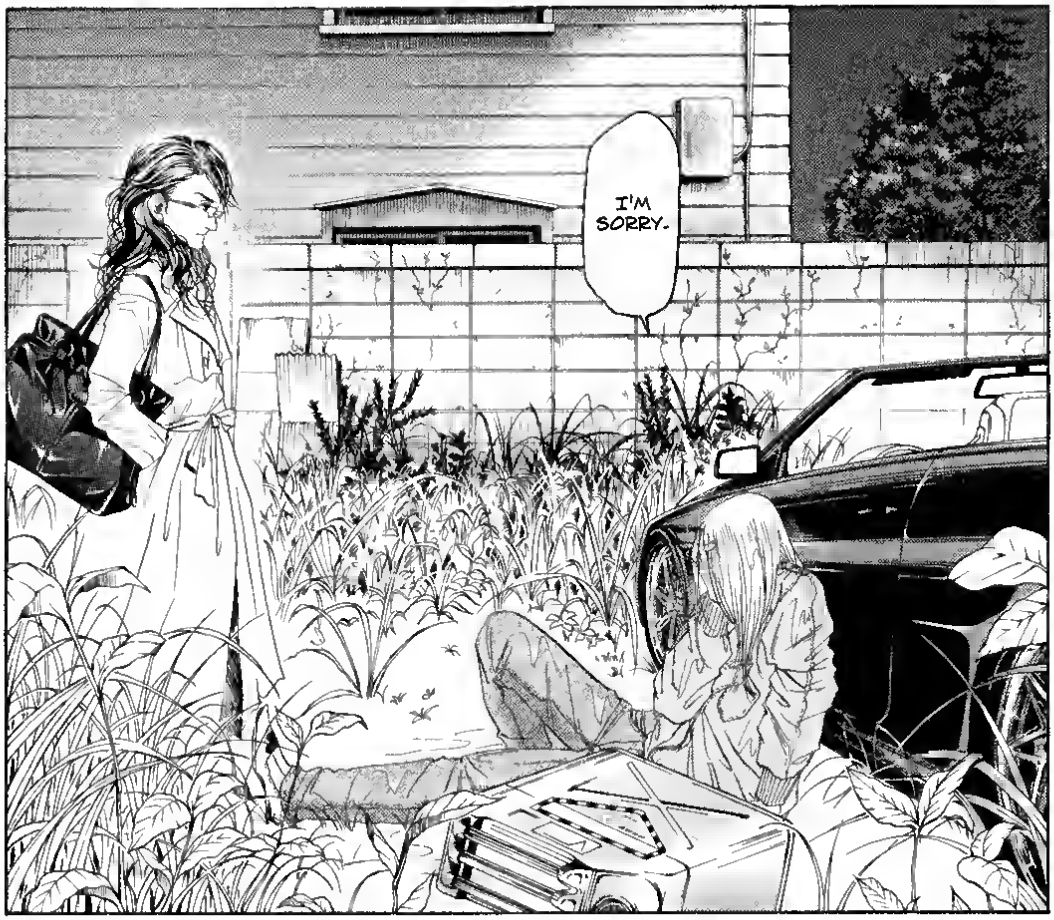
---FOR DOING THAT.

SEEING HOW SCARED YOU WERE---
---WHEN I HIT YOU OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THAT---

AND I HATE MYSELF ---


---FOR THINKING THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT.


AND EVEN NOW, I HATE---
---THAT I CAN'T THINK OF A SOLUTION.



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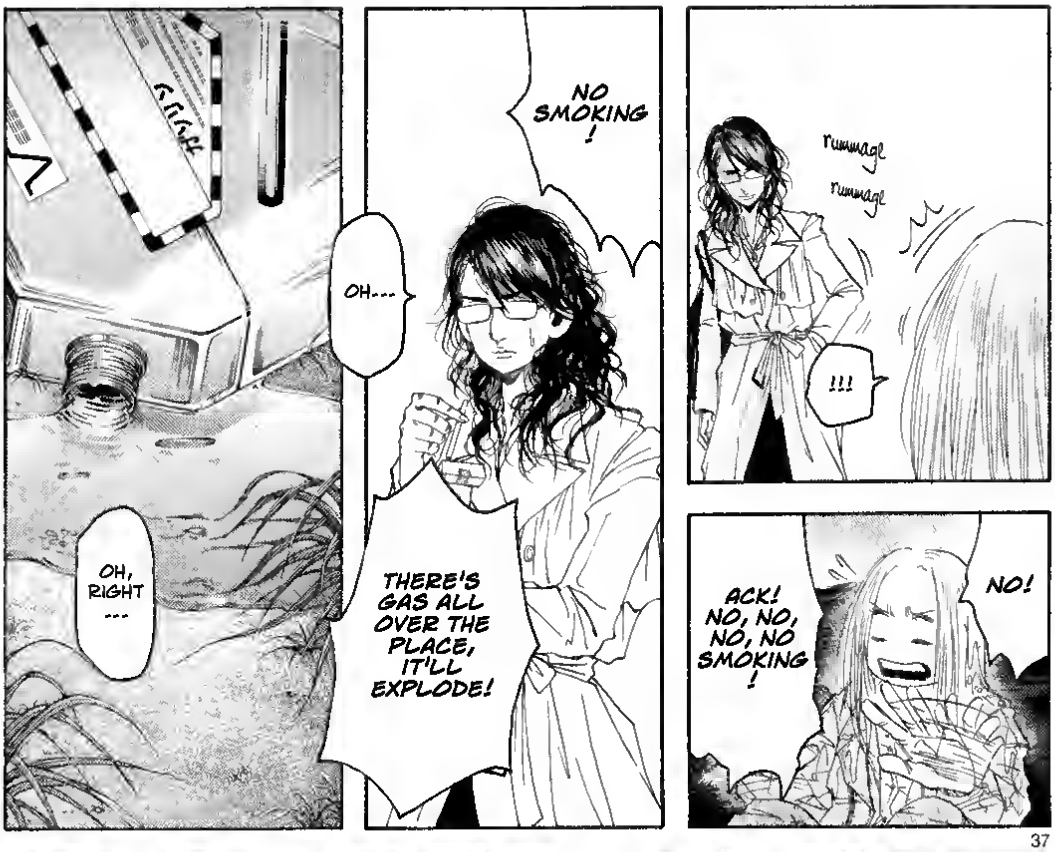
NO SMOKING!
OH...
THERE'S GAS ALL OVER THE PLACE, IT'LL EXPLODE!
OH, RIGHT ...
rummage rummage
!!!
ACK! NO, NO, NO, NO SMOKING!
NO!

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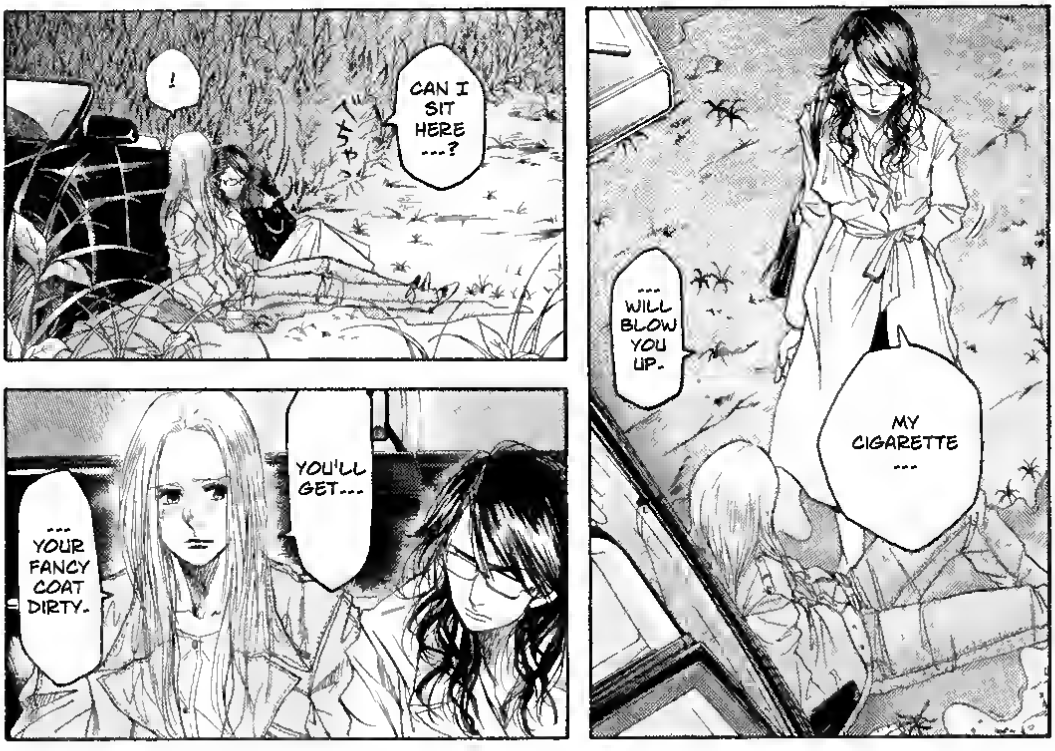
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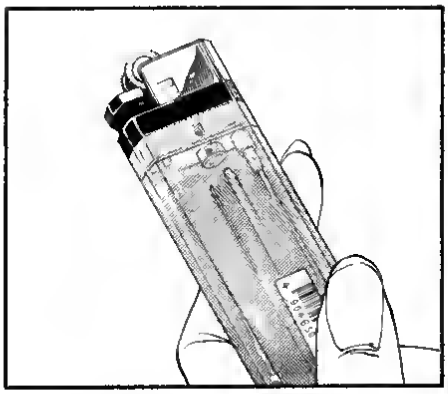
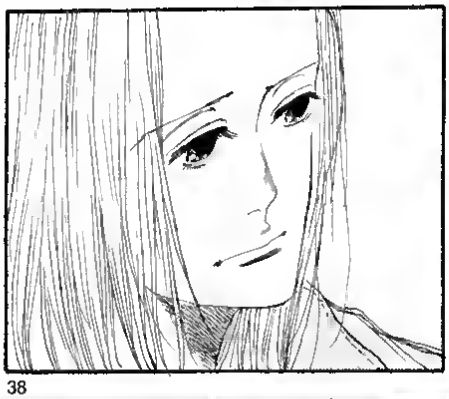
CAN I SIT HERE ...?
...WILL BLOW YOU UP.
MY CIGARETTE ...
YOU'LL GET...
... YOUR FANCY COAT DIRTY.



I THINK I'LL SIT HERE---
---AND DRY OFF.



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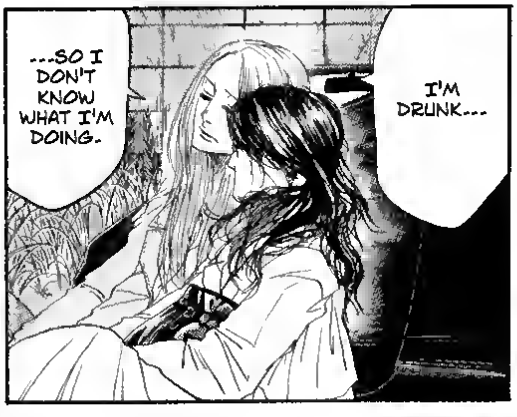
LET'S SAVE IT FOR LATER---


---SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
I'M DRUNK---